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ROBERTS' NEXT MOVE

Preparing for the Invasion of the Transvaal.

METHUEN MAY LEAD A COLUMN Negotiations Have Been Renewed Between London and Pretoria—No Word From Mafeking.

LONDON, March 21, 4:15 A. M.—Several telegrams have passed between President Kruger and the British Government in addition to the Salisbury-Kruger correspondence already published. The foreign office received a dispatch from Pretoria yesterday. The contents of these communications cannot yet be obtained.

So far as the military situation is concerned, there is practically no change. Lord Roberts is quietly making preparations for the next move. As necessary to a beginning, General Gatacre and Brabant are swiftly moving from point to point in the southern districts of the Free State, dispersing or accepting the surrender of any remaining Boers, thus ensuring the safety of Lord Roberts' communications before starting toward Pretoria. A correspondent at Mafeking writes from there that the Boers are preparing to evacuate the town.

Mr. Schreiner, the Cape Premier, has granted the request of the Mayor of Mafeking for a public holiday in the town throughout the Colony on the relief of Mafeking.

Boers Trekking to Basutoland. LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the Standard from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday, says: "Four thousand Transvaalers from Colerberg trekked Saturday and Sunday to the northeast, going by way of the Basutoland border. They were probably caught at one of the passes.

Steyn's Alleged Profits. LONDON, March 22.—A Daily Chronicle correspondent at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Tuesday, March 20, says: "The civil government has been reorganized. J. A. Collier, a member of the Interior in Steyn's executive, has been appointed Landrost. Steyn is regarded as guilty of fatality. He was always Kruger's ally. It has been reported that he has reaped financial benefit from his connection, but the report is not substantiated. Mr. Fischer played the part of Steyn's 'Mephistopheles'."

Split and Soft-Nosed Bullets. LADYSMITH, March 21.—It has been ascertained that the accidental removal of stones covering some Boer graves after the fight at Pieter's Hill February 25 revealed thousands of split and soft-nosed bullets. Princess Christian's hospital train arrived this morning. It was the first train over the new Colesburg bridge. The railroad is now open to Elizabeth, where a camp has been established.

Kruger Predicts a Desperate Fight. LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, dated Monday, March 19, says: "President Kruger returned from Kroonstad yesterday. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal Government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort."

Rhodes Sets for England. CAPE TOWN, March 21.—Cecil Rhodes sailed for England today.

A BRYAN MISTAKE

Lincoln Platform Disturbs Eastern Democrats.

EVEN SOUTHERNERS DISLIKE IT

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Bryan platform adopted at Lincoln has had a disturbing effect upon the Eastern Democrats. Of course, the leaders in the movement which resulted in the nomination of Bryan and the Populist platform of 1888 say they are well pleased. But even Tillman objects somewhat to the Bryan platform, and men like Martin of Virginia, Dixon of Georgia, and Campbell of Ohio do not like the platform. Eastern Democrats are very pronounced against the platform, without allowing themselves to be quoted, and declare that any platform that advocates the Western Democracy to make it impossible to carry a single state for Bryan. The Southern Democrats stick at the "initiative and referendum. They are not quite ready to swallow that principle of Populism. The declaration in regard to the Philippines is thought to have been very ill-advised and short-sighted, as it can be by no possible means be popular in this country.

DECLINES TO INTERVENE. Switzerland's Reply to the Boer Appeal for Mediation. BERNE, Switzerland, March 21.—The Federal Council has answered the Boer appeal for mediation as follows: "The Swiss Federal Council would have been pleased to cooperate in friendly mediation in order to end further bloodshed, but as the Presidents of both South African Republics have directly approached the British Government in order to conclude peace on a basis proposed by the British Government has shown itself against the proposal; and as, furthermore, the British Government has declared to the Cabinet at Washington that it did not propose to mediate in the intervention of any power, the Swiss Federal Council, to its regret, must also renounce the idea of taking any steps on the lines of the request of the Boers. It is still doubtful whether all the prisoners will be sent there, owing to feuds between the Transvaalers and Free Staters. If all Boers are sent to St. Helena, it will undoubtedly result in a considerable increase in the strength of the garrison will be required."

Boer Quarters at St. Helena. LONDON, March 22.—Colonel Callicote, of the Army Corps, will sail for the island of St. Helena tomorrow in order to make necessary arrangements for the accommodation of General Cronje and other high-ranking Boers. It is still doubtful whether all the prisoners will be sent there, owing to feuds between the Transvaalers and Free Staters. If all Boers are sent to St. Helena, it will undoubtedly result in a considerable increase in the strength of the garrison will be required.

Addresses to the Queen. DUBLIN, March 21.—The North Dublin District Council today passed a motion in favor of the presentation of an address to Queen Victoria on her forthcoming visit to Ireland.

AS A SPECULATION. New Orleans Man Buys One Million Paris Exposition Tickets. CHICAGO, March 21.—J. F. Allen, of New Orleans, has bought one million of the Paris exposition, arrived in Chicago today. His offer of purchase at first was regarded with suspicion, but when the man's name was mentioned, it was found that he had the money to foot the bill, a deal was made and the tickets were signed, sealed and delivered and the man's name was put on the list. He is on his way to Paris. He secured the tickets at half-price, and says he will have no trouble whatever in disposing of them at regular rates. One million tickets at \$100,000,000 is a considerable sum, but Mr. Allen is confident he can clean up nearly \$100,000,000 in the venture. He will scatter them in uniform about the exposition city.

THE YAQUI REBELLION. Mexico Sending More Troops to Join Torres. MONTEREY, Mex., March 21.—The Ninth Regiment of Infantry, stationed in this city, has received orders to proceed immediately to the scene of the Yaqui Indian war and join the forces of General Torres in the campaign against the rebels. It is probable that permission will be asked of the United States Government by President Diaz for this regiment and other military forces to pass through the United States by way of Eagle Pass, Tex., and Nogales, Ariz., as that is the only railway route to the scene of the rebellion.

Michigan Military Clothing Frauds. LANSING, Mich., March 21.—The first testimony was taken today in the trial of Arthur P. Marsh, ex-inspector-general, for alleged frauds in the state military clothing frauds. Two deputy inspectors-general were to communications between the indicted ex-officers and the Attorney-General's office in reference to the disposal of the clothing in question. The witnesses testified that the indicted military officers did not follow the Attorney-General's advice, which was to turn over such clothing as the Military Board desired to dispose of to the Board of State Auditors. Records of the Military Board proceedings were introduced as evidence.

Joint Naval Demonstration. BERLIN, March 21.—An official agency gave out a Washington dispatch setting forth that the American warship sent to Tokyo is intended to participate in an eventful joint naval demonstration, should China persist in her refusal to suppress such hostile to Christians.

REPLY TO BISHOP POTTER.

Anti-Imperialists Take Exceptions to Some of His Statements.

BOSTON, March 21.—The statement given out by Bishop Potter, of New York, as to conditions in the Philippine Islands as he found them has drawn forth a letter from Irving Winslow, secretary of the New England Anti-Imperialist League, in which he says: "The Anti-Imperialist League proposes to stand loyally by the Republic. As for the inhabitants of the Philippines, we have positive reasons for knowing that the elements that composed the admirable congress and administration with which we have been so long associated still exist, and can easily be gathered together in such a manner as to promise a reasonably rapid evolution toward native self-government, assisted by an American alliance and established by the neutralization of the islands. Permit me to demur to the conclusion to which you seemed to have arrived in a very short space of time (four days). We have reason to believe not quite favorable to fair judgment—the environment of an enemy's camp. The majority of the civilized people of the Philippines are of the American class, are neither friendly to the American Government, nor ready to come under its Latorian circumstances in the island of Luzon today contradict your inference. We have reason to believe that our opinions are those of the great mass of the common people of America, though the 'better, or commercial class with us, are sitting in front of their camp, with what is going on, ignorantly hoping it will bring them 'increased prosperity.' In short, our cause is the cause of the plain people, white or brown, against avarice and ambition hiding under the cloak of pseudo philanthropy."

REMEY GETS INSTRUCTIONS. Watson's Successor Starts for Manila Today. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Rear-Admiral Remy, who will relieve Rear-Admiral Watson, in command of the naval forces on the Asiatic station, arrived in the city from Portsmouth, N. H., and had a conference with Secretary Long at the Navy Department today. He will leave here tomorrow for San Francisco, where he will take a steamer about April 1 for Manila. Rear-Admiral Kimmey, who will have command of one of the divisions of the Asiatic Squadron, composed of vessels assigned particularly to Chinese waters, will be relieved by Rear-Admiral Remy. The Pacific, Admiral Kempff was recently relieved from the command of the Mare Island Navy-Yard, and is now in San Francisco. Admiral Remy has been succeeded in command of the navy-yard at Portsmouth by Rear-Admiral Cromwell, ex-president of the Retiring Board, in this city.

Schroeder Will Succeed Leary. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Lieutenant-Commander Seaton Schroeder, at present secretary of the Naval Inspection Board, has been selected to succeed Captain Leary of the American Government of Guam. Schroeder expects to relieve him before July next.

It is stated that Leary is coming home at his own request, and the change is also in conformity with the policy of the Department to make frequent changes in command of these naval stations in the interest of the health and spirits of the officers.

Recruits for Manila. NEW YORK, March 21.—More than 1000 cavalry, infantry and artillery recruits will leave Fort Schuyler and Fort Slocum tomorrow for Brownsville, where they will board the transport Sumner, which will sail Saturday for the Philippines.

Alleged Filipino Victory. PARIS, March 22.—The intransigent has a telegram received by Agoncillo, also had a telegram announcing that the Filipino General Pava has routed the Americans near Cubat, and taken the town.

GREAT MINING SUIT. Case Involving Millions Between Rival Copper Kings is On Trial. BUTTE, Mont., March 21.—A mining suit between the rival copper kings, Marcus Daly and United States Senator William A. Clark, is on trial in the United States Court. There are three suits in all, but the trial on one will determine all contentions. The mines involved are the Nevada, owned by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, and the Colusa and Parrot, owned by the Colusa Parrot Mining Company, of which Senator Clark is the head. The question of apex is involved, and the determination of the matter will mean a great many millions of dollars to the company securing a favorable decision. Both sides have been actively preparing for the trial for a year past, and every section of the country has been secured for mining experts to give testimony. Mine models, costing thousands of dollars, have been constructed for the purpose of the trial, which will be one of the most notable ever tried in the West. Some of the best-known geologists and mining men of the country are arrayed on either side.

YOUNG NEGRO'S HEROISM. Saved Six Lives in a Plathouse Fire in New York. NEW YORK, March 21.—Six lives were saved by the gallant work of M. S. Anderson, a young colored man, during a fire at a house in West One hundred and Thirty-fourth Street today. He detected the fire while on his way to work. The flames had gained considerable headway and in a window on the second floor stood a man named Nelson with six little children hovering about him, their escape having been cut off by the flames. With two passers by Anderson ran into the building next door and up to the third floor. With his two companions holding his legs Anderson swung head downward and swaying his body backward and forward managed to reach the children as they were held up to him by the father. All were taken out safely in this manner. The firemen brought the other occupants of the building down the ladder.

Smelting Trust Divided. NEW YORK, March 21.—The American Smelting & Refining Company has declared a dividend of 15 per cent on its preferred stock for the quarter ended January 21, 1900, and also 7-18 of 1 per cent on the preferred stock for the period from April 1 to April 30, 1899, both inclusive, payable April 15. The additional dividend is to adjust dividend payments to the end of each fiscal quarterly period.

SLAIN BY INDIANS

Fate of Eugene, Oregon, Couple in Alaska.

SHOT DOWN WHILE OUT CAMPING One of the Murderers Confessed the Crime at Salvation Army Testimonies—Six Arrested.

SKAGWAY, March 15.—The story of the sensational murder of a man and his wife from Oregon by Indians on Lynn Canal, has just come to light here. The victims are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton, of Eugene, Or.

The murder was committed in October, and the fate of the couple was not known here until within the last week. The secret was divulged by one of the murderers who lately confessed to the crime in the Salvation Army in Skagway, and was prompted in his religious testimonies to speak of his crime.

Mr. Hanson is the confessor. He and five of his accomplices have been arrested by the United States Marshal at Skagway. The five besides Hanson were arrested yesterday at Haines, 15 miles from Skagway, and the sixth at a place near Haines. No resistance was offered, but some of the Indians tried to escape before being cornered. The guilty men were placed in the city jail, and the five of the accomplices are wanted, and the Marshal leaves today for Haines in hopes of getting them.

The murder was committed on the shore of Lynn Canal, 35 miles from Skagway. Mr. and Mrs. Horton were there spending an outing in camping. The Indians had started on a search for an Indian and his squaw, who had disappeared from the tribe. The missing Indians were relatives of those in the search. It is an ancient rule among the Indians of the region that a life must be given for a life, so the searching party, suspecting whites of having killed their people, concluded they would even the account by killing Mr. and Mrs. Horton. They had nothing in particular against Mr. and Mrs. Horton, and perhaps had never before seen them, but it was believed whites should die to atone for the deaths of the Indians.

The bodies were buried by the Indians in a cleft or shallow grave near the scene of the murder. They are supposed to be there yet. Hanson yesterday accompanied the officers to the scene and pointed out the graves, but it was too late in the day to exhume the remains, and the work will be undertaken today. The bodies will be brought here.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton's friends missed them several weeks ago, but diligent search at the known place of their camping revealed nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton were married only several months ago, in Eugene. They came to Skagway, and for a time ran a boarding-house on the White Pass Railroad. Mrs. Horton was a beautiful young woman, only 18 years old. Mr. Horton was 28 years old.

Remains of Eugene Have No Tidings. EUGENE, Or., March 21.—Mrs. John Zimmer, who is a sister of Mrs. Horton, received a letter during the winter from a lady in the Klondike country stating that Horton and his wife were missing, and that it was feared they had been murdered by Indians. The letter said that the two had started down the river and that all trace of them had been lost. Mrs. Zimmer refused to credit the report, as she had received a letter from her sister, in which she wrote that she and her husband were going into the interior prospecting, and would be gone for some time. Mrs. Zimmer has not since heard from her sister.

GLAYSON'S BODY FOUND.

Remains, Together With His Companions', in River Ice.

VICTORIA, March 21.—The steamer Anaur, arriving from Skagway today, reports that the bodies of Clayton and his missing companions, Rolfe and Olson, have been found under the river ice, and enough evidence has been obtained to convict O'Brien. O'Brien is in custody at Tagish.

The preceding dispatch is the first definite news that has been received of Fred H. Claysen, formerly of Portland, who mysteriously disappeared from Dawson last December, and was supposed to have been murdered.

Dr. Esther C. Pohl, sister of Claysen, states that she has been in constant communication with Skagway since her brother's mysterious disappearance. There have been frequent rumors from there regarding him, which, on investigation, ended only in disappointment. Regarding the Victoria dispatch, Dr. Pohl says that some time ago she heard from Skagway to the effect that a report similar to this had been printed in a paper there. She says it is possible that the dispatch from Victoria is but a repetition of that story.

Claysen left Dawson December 17 on a bicycle for Skagway, and expected to make the trip in two weeks or less. The last heard of him was on Christmas day, at Minto, when he was in company with Dominion Linneman Olson and a third man, who was a stranger. Olson is believed to have had \$800 with him. Lyn Rolfe, a Klondike bookkeeper, and another man are said to have left Minto with Claysen and Olson. No one knows how much money Claysen had with him. He had accumulated a fortune of at least \$40,000 in the mercantile firm of F. H. Claysen & Co. Claysen had resided in Portland since he was 9 years old.

A MINERS' RIOT. Iowa Town Terrorized by Union Strikers. BOONEVILLE, Ia., March 21.—Several hundred miners marched here today from the surrounding country and closed the Woolley, Hestor & Kelly mines, which are operated with nonunion men. A procession was formed at the Courthouse, union men who refused to join being forced in by revolvers. There were riot along the main streets, and several nonunion miners were badly hurt. The Town Board met tonight and decided to swear in 50 Deputy Sheriffs. The Governor will be appealed to.